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Identical letters dated 28 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to previous letters regarding grave and recurring violations by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to inform you that the Turkish regime has yet again violated Syrian sovereignty and continues to support terrorism and endanger international peace and security.

On 23 March 2017, the Turkish regime occupied 100 dunams of farmland belonging to Syrian civilians in Balikuy village, in the Afrin area of Aleppo governorate. Turkish regime military forces cut down woodland and fruit trees at that location.

On 28 April 2017, Turkish military forces with heavy machinery infiltrated Syrian territory between the villages of Ayn al-Bayda and Khirbat al-Jawz, in Ladhīqiyah governorate. They uprooted fruit trees belonging to Syrian civilians and began digging trenches and building cement walls inside Syrian territory.

On 27 April 2017, Turkish military forces fired missiles and heavy artillery at Syrian territory and civilian residents in Jindayris district and the Afrin area in the mountains of north-west Aleppo governorate.

The Turkish regime has established a military base in Kuljibrin village, in the I'zaz area of Aleppo governorate. The base houses 200 Turkish soldiers, dozens of tanks, personnel carriers, four-wheel-drive vehicles, and communication and listening devices. It provides military and logistical support for the so-called Euphrates Shield forces, a terrorist group that is based in the Bab area and acts at the behest of the Turkish regime. The Turkish regime has also installed a prefabricated barrier wall to separate the Bab area, which has been occupied by Turkish military forces and associated terrorist groups, from the surrounding areas, which are under the control of the Syrian Arab Army. That measure is part of a Turkish endeavour to impose a new situation on the ground and create firm boundaries with a view to establishing a buffer zone.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again strongly condemns the Turkish regime's ongoing attacks on the Syrian people and Syrian sovereignty. It calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to preserve international peace and security and put an end to the Turkish regime's outrageous violations of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and all Security Council resolutions on Syria and counter-terrorism, as well as the



regime's violation of the principles of friendly relations and good-neighbourliness among States endorsed by the General Assembly. The Turkish Government must be held accountable for those violations. It must also be compelled to halt its support for terrorism and immediately implement Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism.

I should be grateful if this letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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